

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

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People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Ronald Shelton.

AGE: "I'm 60."
BIRTHPLACE: "New Orleans."
MARITAL STATUS: "I'm married."
FAMILY: "I have two sisters."
MILITARY: "Yes, I was in the Marines."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "Four years and eight months ago."
EDUCATION: "I graduated from high school in New Orleans."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "When I made a little car out of wood for a soapbox derby."
TROPHIES/AWARDS: "I had trophies for football and basketball."
RELIGION: "I pray often."
DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS? "I have no friends."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "At Gate 4 in Beverly Hills."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "I worked for the Internal Revenue Service."
FAVORITE SPORT: "I like all sports, but especially football."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Columbus, and I like Viking movies."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Fred Astaire."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Janet Jackson and Lucille Ball. What a combination, eh?"
FAVORITE MUSIC: "James Brown, the one and only."
FAVORITE CANDY: "I like all types of candy."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Rawhide and Battlestar Galactica."
FAVORITE FOOD: "I love beef and rice, especially when it's made by Odelya Carter."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "Hollywood Boulevard in Beverly Hills."
WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? "The Bible."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Make sure you have the right income for the things you need."
IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "I wish for my daughter to be with her mom and dad."
IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "I'd buy a Greyhound ticket to New Orleans to go see my mom."
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE IRAQ WAR? "People shouldn't kill one another."
WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS? "Making something new, or some new type of instrument, for these people across the street [the State Building] or at home in Beverly Hills, being productive in society."
IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "I'd make log cabins for the homeless to live in."
LAST THING EATEN: "It's been kind of a hectic day. I'm going right now to get something."
WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU? "Individual people give me money. One guy gave me \$35."

The Club gave Ronald shaving cream, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and some bottled water.

The interview took place Aug. 18 at Third and Spring Streets downtown.

Photos by John Hawkins



{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins and Director of Member Services Angel Gomez introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. }

The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell.